

SENATE BILL 45

By Summerville

AN ACT relative to the Interstate 440 Parkway.

WHEREAS, the Battle of Nashville was a two-day battle in the Franklin-Nashville Campaign that represented the end of large scale fighting in the Western Theater of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, the battle was fought at Nashville, Tennessee, on December 15-16, 1864, between the Confederate Army of Tennessee under Lieutenant General John Bell Hood and Federal forces under Major General George H. Thomas; and

WHEREAS, in one of the largest victories achieved by the Union Army during the war, Thomas attacked and routed Hood's army, largely destroying it as an effective fighting force; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of Nashville was a crucial turning point in the War Between the States, and this important event in Tennessee and American history should be appropriately commemorated; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The Interstate 440 Parkway in its entirety is hereby designated the "Interstate 440, Battle of Nashville Parkway" to commemorate this pivotal event in history.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the highway described in Section 1 as the "Interstate 440, Battle of Nashville Parkway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not

render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.